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further burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the present election of species requirement be withdrawn. Additionally, Applicants expressly reserve the right to traverse a further election of species or restriction requirement. In addition, at least independent Claims 28 and 34 are generic to all of the species and Claims 29-33, 35-46, and 48-49 read on at least Species 1.

REMARKS


In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for examination on the merits. If however, the Examiner believes that any additional issue remains or requires clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the attorney of record in order to more expeditiously advance the examination of this application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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